



DETROIT WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FY24 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) PROJECT

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) announces a Public Meeting regarding its Project Plan for proposed stormwater improvements in the City of Detroit. DWSD will be seeking Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA) Grant assistance for FY2024.

These projects are comprised of upgrading stormwater infrastructure at select locations in the West Outer Drive neighborhood (West Chicago) and the Castle Rouge and Eliza Howell neighborhood (Schoolcraft) in the City of Detroit.

The project titles are West Chicago South Stormwater Improvements, West Chicago North Stormwater Improvements, Schoolcraft South Stormwater Improvements and Schoolcraft North Stormwater Improvements. Construction will include excavation and removal of existing materials, construction of the proposed storm sewer, backfill of the excavation required for piping work, and restoration of each work site. All work to be performed within the existing road right-of-way and easements. The benefit of the project will be improved ability of DWSD to provide reliable combined sewer collection services and improved water quality of the Rouge River. Guidelines issued by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy's (EGLE) qualifies the City of Detroit as significantly overburdened which may allow these projects to be funded through a grant; which would result in no impact on user rates.

The temporary impact of construction activities will be minimized through mitigation measures specified in the contract documents. Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, geographic, or cultural areas are not expected. This project is necessary to ensure that the DWSD will be able to reduce combined sewer overflows to the Rouge River while maintaining combined sewer collection services to residents and improving the water quality of the Rouge River. The Project Plan describes stormwater improvement projects that will enhance system capacity by treating and conveying wet weather to the Rouge River, reducing combined sewer overflows. The total cost of the project is currently estimated at approximately \$19.2 million for the West Chicago South Stormwater Improvements, \$17 million for west Chicago North Stormwater Improvements, \$22 million for Schoolcraft South Stormwater Improvements and \$20 Million for Schoolcraft North; for a total of \$78.2 million which is being sought through the CWSRF (ARPA Grant) program.

The Public Meeting will present a description of the recommended projects, estimated costs, noting no potential impact for customers. The use of grant funding will cover the vast majority of the project cost. The purpose of the public meeting is not only to inform, but to seek and gather input from people that will be affected. Comments and viewpoints from the public are encouraged.

THE PROJECT PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE DURING THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON:

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

PLACE: Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Water Board Building
735 Randolph, 5th Floor, Board Room
Detroit, Michigan 48226

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL OPTION: Via Zoom at

<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/81572635118>

Use Passcode: 482262021

Attend by phone: call one of these numbers:

+1-301-715-8592

+1-312-626-6799

+1-267-831-0333

Use Meeting ID: 815 7263 5118

Use Passcode: 482262021

Information on the Project Plan will be available for review after February 27, 2023 at the following locations:

1. City Website: detroitmi.gov/dwsd
2. By email request to Sonali Patel: sonali.patel@detroitmi.gov
3. In Person at the Water Board Building

If you have questions or want to submit written statements for the Public Hearing Record, call or write:

Call: Sonali Patel at 313-782-2477

Email: Sonali Patel at
sonali.patel@detroitmi.gov

Mail: Sonali Patel
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
735 Randolph, Suite 901
Detroit, MI 48226

Written comments will be accepted at the above address if received prior to 2:00 p.m. EST,
Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Participating in Public Comment during the Public Hearing

You may provide your public comment in-person or via Zoom (see below).

In-person attendees

- Upon entering the Water Board Building, DWSD Security will do temperature checks and require everyone to complete a Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire.
- If you want to make public comment, complete the form available in the Board Room and it will be provided to the Chair. The Chair will call on you during the appropriate time.
 - We respectfully request that you maximize your three minutes by sharing all your comments/questions at one time.
 - You will only be called upon once for public comment.
 - Once the chair closes public comment, there will be no other comments from the public accepted and all public attendees will not be acknowledged during the remainder of the meeting.

Attending via Zoom

- During the public comment section, raise your hand using the Zoom hand icon on your desktop or mobile device, or if calling into the meeting by phone, press *9 to raise your hand (press *6 to unmute when called upon).
- We respectfully request that you maximize your three minutes by sharing all your comments/questions at one time.
- You will only be called upon once for public comment.
- Once the chair closes public comment, there will be no other comments from the public accepted and all attendees will remain muted for the duration of the meeting.

City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department
Gary Brown, Director